IV.—POINT OF INFORMATION *RE.* SI. PA. ADITANAR'S ABSENCE FROM THE HOUSE.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : On a point of information, Sir. Sri Si. Pa. Aditanar was arrested under the Defence of India Rules. We understand that he has been let on parole and has not been permitted to attend the sittings of the House. May I know the reason why he is not permitted to attend the House, even though he is let out on parole? He has a right to attend the sittings of the House.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I have nothing to say about this.

V.—CALLING ATTENTION TO POSSIBLE RETRENCHMENT OF GRADUATE ASSISTANTS IN THE TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT BOARD HIGH SCHOOLS.

* திரு. எம். சங்கரலிங்கம் பிள்ளை : தலைவர் அவர்களே திருநெல்வேலி டிவிஷன் இன்ஸ்பெக்டர், கழக உயர்நிலைப் பள்ளிகளில் எத்தனை வகுப்புகள் இருக்கின்றனவோ அந்த எண்ணிக்கையை விட ஒரு பட்டதாரி ஆசிரியரைக் குறைத்து நிர்ணயம் செய்து, மிஞ்சிவரும் ஆசிரியர்களின் பட்டியலைத் தனக்கு அனுப்பும்படி சுற்றறிக்கை அனுப்பியிருக்கிறார். மேற்கூறிய ஆசிரியர் விகிதம் சென்னைக் கல்வி சட்டத்திற்கு மாறுபட்டதாகும். இச் சட்டத்தை அமுல் நடத்துவதால் திருநெல்வேலி மாவட்டத்தில் 107 பட்டதாரி ஆசிரியர்களுக்கு மேல் வேலை இழப்பு வர நேரிடும். மேற்கூறிய ஆசிரியர் குறைப்பால் எஞ்சிய ஆசிரியர்களுக்கு வேலை பளு மிகுந்து கல்வியின் தரம் குறைந்துவிடும். இந்த நிலையை இந்த அரசாங்கத்தின் அவசர கவனத்திற்குக் கொண்டுவருகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I wish to make the following statement :—

The Government have no information in the matter. The office of the Director of Secondary Education has also no information.

In regard to the retrenchment apprehended by the member, the Madras Educational Rules permit one B.T. Assistant for every section in the higher standards, provided that the work allotted to each such class teacher does not fall considerably short of a minimum of 17 hours of work per week. The Government have not issued any instructions to the effect that there shall be one B.T. Assistant less than the number of sections in higher standards. There is, therefore, no question of retrenchment on any new basis.

VI.—GOVERNMENT MOTION.

MOTION UNDER RULE 23 (1) OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RULES.

3-46 p.m. THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Chairman, I move—

" That rule 23 (1) of the Madras Legislative Council Rules be suspended and this House do resolve to transact Government business on Saturday, the 13th November 1965. "

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MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is—

" That rule 23 (1) of the Madras Legislative Council Rules be suspended and this House do resolve to transact Government business on Saturday, the 13th November 1965."

The motion was put and carried.

VII.- GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS LAND REVENUE AND WATER-CESS (SURCHARGE) BILL, 1965 (L.A. BILL NO. 30 OF 1965)—*cont.*

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Mr. Chairman, Sir, the reason for this particular taxation measure was explained to the House by the Chief Minister himself when he made a statement. Further, on some aspects of this particular measure I have also conveyed to the House the reasons in my opening remarks. Now, the whole of yesterday was taken up by many Members of the House, particularly from the side of the Opposition in conveying their views on this measure. Listening very carefully to the speeches made here, I would like at the very beginning itself to arrange the ideas conveyed by them into two or three distinct groups. One set of views which was headed by Sri Balasubramanya Ayyar and ably followed by Dr. Hande was that the farmer should not be taxed at all under any circumstances The other set of views held by Sri Anbazhagan and others was that they were not against taxation as a whole on the farmer but that this particular measure would have satisfied them if there was some time-limit. A third set of views was headed by Sri O. P. Ramaswamy Reddiar. That view was that this was not the opportune moment. Now I shall deal with each of these three views separately.

Dr. Hande in his speech tried to point out that the farmer had been more or less paralysed after Independence, and that this taxation measure was the last straw on the camel's back. I was trying to understand what happened in the course of the last fifteen years particularly. He specifically pointed out that the farmer had been paralysed, made ineffective and added on to the suffering lot. At the same time, he said, after all these years the Prime Minister borrowed the ideas conveyed or the slogan given by Dr. Hande's leader, Professor N. G. Ranga, " Kisan-ki-jai ". Now, if we understand the problem of the kisan or what the word " kisan " means, I think many of our difficulties will be set right. Sri Balasubramanya Ayyar not only talked on this Bill but on the resolution I moved a little earlier before introducing this Bill Even on that resolution he remarked that he was totally against land ceiling measures. So, he would not like it to be brought in and passed because of a provision in the Land Ceiling Act about which he said, " I still hold my view ". Here, according to Sri Balasubramanya Ayyar, the term " kisan " does not restrict itself